



Fayette County Public Library Children's Department

Dewey's News

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Reading for the Fun of It! Thoughts from Your Children's Librarian

The fifth graders in Rafe Esquith's class devised their own reading test comprised of only three questions.

1. Have you ever secretly read under your desk in school because the teacher was boring and you were dying to finish the book you were reading?
2. Have you ever been scolded for reading at the dinner table?
3. Have you ever read secretly under the covers after being told to go to bed?

Rafe Esquith and his students have decided that if a child can answer yes to

all three of these questions, he or she will become a lifelong reader.

(This was taken from *Teach Like Your Hair's On Fire: The Methods and Madness Inside Room 56* by Rafe Esquith. This book is available in our library in the adult area at 370.1 Esquith. This is thought-provoking reading for parents and teachers.)

I would add these three questions for parents of preschool-aged children.

1. Do you regularly visit the library with your child to find books?
2. Is reading to your child a regular part of your daily

life?

3. Does your reading time with your child include stories that make you smile and laugh together?

If you can answer yes to these three questions, than you are doing more than any computer, DVD or other "learning to read" program to help your child become a strong, lifelong reader and learner.



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Website of the Month
World Atlas: Explore Your World
<http://www.worldatlas.com>

How much do you know about geography? Visit this site for a wide variety of maps, worksheets, practice tests complete with links to news and interesting facts about the places in our world.

Coming December 1.....
**Our Winter-Spring 2011
Schedule of Programs**

The Fayette County Public library is pleased to be expanding its offerings of storytimes for both preschool and school-aged children. Our schedule for January—May 2011 will be available on December 1. Be on the lookout for this and let your friends and neighbors know that there will be something for all ages at the library in the new year!

Why is your map upside down?

Take a look at the display behind our librarian's desk and you might notice something unusual. There is a map and it is upside down! But is it really?

Because the world is round, there is not really one right way to orient your map. Many years ago the Egyptian astronomer Ptolemy began

the tradition of our "north-up" maps that are so familiar today. However, in the middle ages, East was often at the top. The "What's Up? South Map we have on display is used to help us see the world again in a new way and realize there is value in getting a

new perspective. Reading is another great way to get a new view of the world! For more information try googling "Upside-down map".



Monthly Calendar on Reverse Side